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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASES MV

REF: HONG KONG 9136 AND PREVIOUS

1. SAMPATKUMAR, UNHCR REP, CALLED ON ME TODAY TO INFORM US THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED, IN BEHALF OF UNHCR, RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAINTENANCE IN HONG KONG OF THE 19 REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED YESTERDAY ABOARD THE PANAMANIAN MV MEI ABETO. THIS GROUP WILL BE LANDED AND QUARTERED IN THE SINGAPORE HOTEL WITH THE REFUGEES FROM THE MV AVA.

2. SAMPATKUMAR ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS CALLED UPON SEVERAL OF THE OTHER CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES HERE, AND THAT THOSE FROM COUNTRIES OF TRADITIONAL IMMIGRATION WERE REASONABLY FORTHCOMING IN THEIR ATTITUDES AND PROMISED TO PASS ON TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN RESETTLEMENT OF THESE REFUGEES.

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HOWEVER, SAMPATKUMAR WAS NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC ANYTHING WOULD COME

OF THIS.

3. OUR TACTICS IN PROCESSING THE REFUGEES WILL BE AIMED AT SHOWING STEADY MOVEMENT BY THE CONGEN BUT NOT SO RAPID AS TO GIVE OTHER CONSULATES THE IMPRESSION THAT WE CAN AND WILL TAKE ALL OF THEM. THUS WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE OTHER NATIONS AND THE REFUGEES THEMSELVES TO THINK OF RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE THAN IN THE UNITED STATES.

4. FIRST WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE LUU GIAU FAMILY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS FAMILY AWAITS ONLY SPONSORSHIP AND WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE CABLE.

5. NEXT, WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVE ASSISTANCE WE HOPE TO MOVE THOSE OTHER PERSONS OR FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND ELIGIBLE UNDER THE EPP. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WE MUST HAVE VERIFICATIONS OF RELATIONSHIPS AND SPONSORSHIPS FROM THE DEPT AS SOON POSSIBLE.

6. IN THE MEANTIME THE REQUISITE PRE-PROCESSING OF REFUGEES FOR THE CONDITIONAL ENTRY PROGRAM (P-7) IS UNDERWAY AND IT WILL BE DETERMINED IN LINE WITH TACTICS PARA 3 ABOVE WHEN ANY PERSONS ELIGIBLE UNDER THIS PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN THEIR FINAL INTERVIEWS AND MOVED TO THE US.

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